

UPDATE

Hate crime report finds no policy violations

By Nick Ibarra
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Campus administration released a fact-finding report Monday afternoon detailing the sequence of events which led to the arrest of four SJSU students for battery and hate crimes last Fall.

The report concluded that although the administration was slow to respond, no specific administrative policies were violated and the administration is not at fault.

The incident, a series of actions perpetrated by four caucasian suite-mates against a fifth African American suite-mate, included racial slurs, battery and attempted false imprisonment.

The 400 page independent inquiry – including more than 300 pages of appendices – was initiated by President Qayoumi with the goal of determining what happened, why it happened, who was responsible and whether or not any campus policies were violated.

It concludes that prior to Oct. 13, no member of the staff or administration was aware of, or reasonably could have been aware of, any racially motivated misconduct by the alleged perpetrators.

According to the report, the fact that a confederate flag was visibly displayed in one of the suite's windows failed to clue in resident advisors to any misconduct since they didn't know an African-American student lived in the suite.

The report details how, although university administration and University Police

Department knew about the allegations since mid-October, President Qayoumi was not "briefed fully" until Nov. 20.

This failure to pass information to the executive level was a violation of the universities

principles and commitments, but it did not violate any specific university policies.

Once the administration was made aware of the misconduct, the report found that the administration behaved appropriately "under

the circumstances and in accordance with applicable policies and past practices."

Attorney Mike D. Moye, a partner at

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President Mohammad Qayoumi (center) was joined by Judge Ladoris Cordell (left) and Mike Moye (right) in addressing and updating the public about the hate crime that occurred on campus last year in a press conference on Monday, Feb. 3 in Clark Hall.

CAMPUS

Students host Black History Month events

By Philip Beadle
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Throughout February, university, student and campus organizations such as the African-American Faculty & Staff Association and the African American Studies Department will be hosting a variety of events on campus for students to celebrate Black History Month.

Student organizations such as Black Student Union, Black Campus Ministries, the Black Alliance of Scientists and Engineers, the Cesar Chavez Community Action Center and National Pan-Hellenic fraternities and sororities have been involved in the planning of the events.

"The University does not always host events for Black History Month so we felt it was our responsibility, as organizations representing African-American students, to make sure that there were events and things for students going on," said Gary Daniels, a junior political science major and co-founder of Black Unity Group.

The different organizations will put together their own events, each bringing something slightly different.

They closely coordinated schedules and carefully planned a consistent calendar of events according to Desiree Taylor, a junior double majoring in African American Studies and Industrial and Systems Engineering.

"Some of us had projects we have been setting up forever or that we run every year," Taylor said. "But we all got into a room and made sure we were not competing for events and that we could all

promote for each other."

The end product is a diverse group of events that aim to be educational, practical and fun, according to Taylor.

There is a movie series comprised of documentaries that illustrate the experiences of African-Americans today and a lecture series examining the history of African-Americans and their role in the country's history and even in local history.

Both series will take place in

the MLK Library and are hosted by the African-American Faculty & Staff Association.

Films will play in room 525 and lectures will take place in rooms 225-229.

There are also events that aim to get students more involved and participating than they typically are when watching a documentary or listening to a lecture.

The month started off with a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 2 in CVB hosted by Black Student

Union.

Other events include a Diversity Career Fair and Black Appreciation Night, according to Taylor.

"I like the idea of the smaller career fair because companies are really excited to talk to students and see the campus's diversity, and the career fairs that happen at the event center are so huge that they can be overwhelming," Taylor said.

The career fair will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 12 in the Student Union Ballroom from noon-4 p.m.

Black Women and Men in America is a group meeting designed to give people a place to discuss their issues in a supportive environment, according to Daniels.

Men and women will be broken up into groups and given a chance to explain what it means to them personally to be black in America.

"It's good to connect like that because we are always so caught up in school and everything," Taylor said. "We often cannot keep up with what is going on in each other's personal lives."

Black Appreciation Night will take place in the Student Union Ballroom, and is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 20.

The semi-formal event will honor the achievements of prominent African-Americans in the community and on campus.

"The theme is 'Highlighting the progress, remembering the path' so we will be awarding 'progress' and 'path' awards

FACILITIES

Intermittent Wi-Fi issues affect SJSU staff, students

By Austin Belisle
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San Jose State University's Information Technology Services is taking measures to prevent the intermittent network outages that frustrated students and faculty trying to connect to the campus's internet last week.

Terry Vahey, associate vice president and Chief Information Officer of IT Services, stated in an email that ITS is doing everything in its power to ensure that the same problems will not occur again.

"IT Services continues to upgrade the campus network, implementing new firewalls, replacing all networking equipment, developing new security policies and standards, deploying new tools for security vulnerability management, and developing a security training program to provide education about prevention and awareness to students, faculty, staff and IT technicians," Vahey said.

One set of upgrades included a complete overhaul of the Wi-Fi network on campus over winter break, which now supports three times the capacity of the network used during the Fall semester.

"IT Services is building enough capacity for each student to have up to five devices on campus at once," Vahey said. "Thirty-thousand computers can be seen on the Wi-Fi network on busy days."

According to Vahey, the strain on the older networking equipment may have contributed to last week's outages.

Upgrades to specific switches on campus increased speeds up to 10 times in certain locations.

"The equipment which provides the campus' connection to the internet is under more load," Vahey said. "When the load grew too great, the older equipment that hadn't been upgraded failed."

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Black History Month calendar of events

4	Bake Sale 9am-1pm Front of the Event Center Black Gospel Music 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BASE Meeting 7pm BBC 205 BCM Meeting 7pm BBC 221	18	AAFSA Givers of Life 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BSU Cultural night 5-7pm BASE Meeting 7pm BBC 205 BCM Meeting 7pm BBC 221
5	BSU Meeting 7pm DMH 348	19	BSU Meeting 7pm DMH 348
6	AAFSA Early Records of Inventors 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BSU & BCM Open Mic Night Café Pomegranate	20	AAFSA War on Drugs 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BASE & BSU Black Appreciation Night 5-9pm SU Ballroom
7	Black Business Conference 9am-2pm Mills College	21	NPHC Meet The Greeks 7-9pm
11	AAFSA Path of Immigrants 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BSU & Delta Sigma Theta Black History Jeopardy 5-7pm BCM Meeting 7pm BBC 221	23	Emmanuel Baptist Church Praise Through the Ages 11am
12	BASE Diversity Career Fair 12-4pm SU Ballroom Alphas/BSU African American Community Summit 6-9pm DMH 150	24	BSU/BASE/BCM Black Innovators 5-7pm
13	Zeta Psi Beta Bake Sale 11am-2pm front of Student Union AAFSA Many Rivers to Cross 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 BSU Game Night 7-9pm CVB RAC	25	BCM Meeting 7pm BBC 221
		26	Iota Phi Theta Black Women and Men in America 7-9pm
		27	BSU Unity March 12pm CV Quad to Statues AAFSA Underground Railroad 12-1:30pm MLK Library 225-229 Delta Sigma Theta Soul Food Special 7pm CVB RAC
		28	NPHC This Could Be Us 5-7pm



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SEASON PREVIEW: SOFTBALL

Spartans in pursuit of consecutive conference titles

By Tony Nuñez
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The stars might be gone, but Head Coach Pete Turner and the SJSU softball team are not deterred from their ultimate goal: to repeat as conference champions and make it to the NCCA tournament again.

“At the end of the day everyone likes a winner,” said Turner, last year’s Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Coach of the Year.

If that assessment is true, then SJSU was more than well liked a year ago.

The Spartans won the WAC regular season and tournament championship for the first time since joining the conference in 1996-97.

That wasn’t the only record they set.

Along with winning the conference, the team had the most wins in school history with a 43-17 overall record and a 17-4 conference standing.

Guiding the team, which was only the third NCAA qualifier in the school’s history, were seniors Markesha Collins and Amanda Pridmore.

Both were All-WAC first team selections last season, and each lent their talents to arguably the best team to ever play in the blue and gold.

Pridmore was named the WAC Pitcher of the Year, the MVP of the WAC tournament and set single-season records in wins (29), saves (7), strikeouts (254) and flyouts (321).

Collins made an impact with her bat and set single-season records in slugging percentage (.637), on-base percentage (.427) and walks (35). But much has changed from last year.

Collins and Pridmore are gone and the Spartans are part of the Mountain West Conference, which includes UNLV, Utah State, University of New Mexico, Boise State, Fresno State, San Diego State, Colorado State and University of Nevada.

“This is a different team,” Turner said. “But don’t get me wrong, this is one of the most talented teams I’ve ever had. A little young, but that’s our job as coaches to get them through that and help them be successful.”

This year’s squad has just two seniors and six juniors on a roster of 24.

Despite the youth, big-time players such as All-WAC selections Michelle Cox and Devin Caldwell from last year’s record setting team return.

Cox, a 5-foot-6-inch, lefty outfielder from Sydney, Australia, led the team in batting average (.363) and hits (66) while recording 22 RBIs—15 in WAC play. The junior was a first-team All-WAC player last year.

Her senior teammate Caldwell, a 5-foot-3-inch infielder and transfer from Sacramento State, tallied 44 hits and 13 RBIs on her way to becoming an All-WAC second-team selection in 2013.

Both Cox and Caldwell

know the impact of the loss of Pridmore, Collins and the three other seniors will have on this season.

“They were leaders,” Cox said. “Now us as seniors and juniors have had to step up and fill their shoes. They were our studs, our stars. This year we don’t have any stars. It’s a team effort. Any one can step up. We’re not a team of stars, we’re a superstar team.”

Though the hitting will still be a strong point for the Spartans, the pitching is where they have the lingering question of who will replace Pridmore.

“At any given time and any given day anyone can be successful,” Turner said. “With that being said, we’re going to depend on the staff as a whole, not just one pitcher.”

On the staff is Allison Lang, Madison Fish and true freshmen Katelyn Kinford and Colette Riggs.

Lang and Fish, both juniors, started a combined 25 games last year and finished with a 10-5 record.

Freshman Katelyn Linford, a right-hander from San Ramon, has turned some heads in fall scrimmages.

“She’s confident,” said junior Nicole Schultz. “She holds herself well, and she’s not afraid to make a mistake.”

Even with all the changes and new faces, SJSU will try to make a splash in its first year in the MWC and improve on their first round exit from the NCAA tournament when they fell 5-2 to San Diego State.



Terrell Lloyd | San Jose State Athletics

San Jose State junior Michelle Cox and the rest of the softball team are seeking to win their second straight conference title in 2014. Spartans had a 43-17 record last season.

“I could care less about what our record is, as long as we’re successful there,” Turner said.

The Spartans begin their season Thursday in Tempe, Ariz. at 1:30 p.m. against Creighton in their first game of the Kajikawa Classic.

The Spartans’ first MWC contest is scheduled for

March 28 at 3 p.m. where they’ll host the UNLV Rebels.

“We just want to see this team in action,” Schultz said. “We’re excited to see this team achieve the same goals as last year, and hopefully go further.”

Tony Nuñez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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REVIEW

Cirque du Soleil's 'Amaluna' is a feast for the eyes and ears



Photo by Dee Ghandi

Left: The entire cast of Cirque du Soleil Amaluna on stage after a performance. Cirque du Soleil is making a five week stay in San Jose after a two-month stay in San Francisco. Cirque du Soleil Amaluna will be performing in San Jose from Jan. 22 to March 2. Right: Cirque Du Soleil has entertained audiences with a high energy acrobatic performance since they first began in 1984.

By Austin Belisle
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The appeal of Cirque Du Soleil lies in its ability to whisk its audience into a world filled with whimsical costumes, awe-inspiring acrobatic feats and imaginative narratives.

"Amaluna," the latest Cirque Du Soleil show to occupy the Grand Chapiteau on Taylor Street in downtown San Jose, effortlessly takes viewers' breaths away with entrancing acts and spectacular costume design.

But while the show dazzles in terms of aesthetics and ambiance, the narrative strays and fails to fully immerse the audience in the performances' island world.

The show is set on a mysterious island governed by goddesses and rooted in the different phases of the moon.

In terms of performances, "Amaluna" mostly succeeds, save for the inclusion of hard-to-understand clowns and acts that feel rather stale in comparison

Prospera, the queen of the island, guides her daughter Miranda on a journey of self-discovery that focuses on the passing of femininity from generation to generation.

When a group of young sailors is shipwrecked on the island, the audience joins Miranda on her journey to win over newfound lover Romeo through a series of tests and challenges conveyed to the audience in the form of circus acts and acrobatic spectacles.

Director Diane Paulus hired Scott Pask to design the set, which evokes the

atmosphere of an ominous, dark forest.

The stage, a bare, circular platform, is flanked by sweeping branches of bamboo and brought to life through the use of colorful spotlights and the frenetic energy on stage during the live performances.

Costume designer Meredith Caron captures the feel of the island setting with a blend of vibrant colors, traditional Mediterranean attire and flowing garments.

The show, unlike most Cirque tours, is female-dominated and the costumes provide the lead actresses and performers the opportunity to catch the viewers' eyes while lending themselves to the creative vision of a world where the strength of women is paramount.

In terms of performances, "Amaluna" mostly succeeds, save for the inclusion of hard-to-understand clowns and acts that feel rather stale in comparison to the death-defying feats advertised on television.

Clowns are a staple of Cirque Du Soleil's artistic repertoire, adding humor and comic relief to entertainment that can leave audiences breathless and on the edge of their seats.

"Amaluna's" clowns add little to the narrative themes because their dialogue is difficult to understand and unfocused.

At one point during the two-hour show, Miranda and Romeo share a romantic moment, are whisked off stage and then the clowns abruptly take the stage and throw off the entire direction of the story by engaging in an uncharacteristically silly back-and-forth exchange that garnered little laughter from the audience.

Along with the clowns, performances such as the "Peacock Dance" and "1,000 Arms and Sticks" offered a peaceful, if lackluster, break from the gravity-defying "Chinese Pole" and "Teeterboard" acts.

The dancing featured in both was graceful and conveyed the motifs of female beauty and independence but may have left some fans wanting more excitement.

Compared to other Cirque du Soleil shows, this particular tour lacks some of the firepower of its counterparts, but compensates for it with moments of pure disbelief, beauty and wonder.

The act known as "Manipulation" is what steals the show.

"Manipulation" serves as a symbol for the prem-

ise of the show. A woman creates a living mobile out of large palm leaf ribs, contorting her powerful body to move with the subtle rocking and shifting of the seemingly gravity-defying pieces of wood.

Like the women of the show, the Balance Goddess stands at the center of a delicate, precise act.

She must be strong enough to support the entire mobile, but she must be delicate enough to move in perfect harmony with the swaying structure.

Similarly, the female leads of the show dominate each performance and also use the quieter moments to convey the love story that is at the heart of the show.

"Amaluna's" costume de-

sign and set design elevate it to a rewarding, pleasurable aesthetic experience, but the decision to include a tired clown routine and "filler" acts leave the show from reaching a true, balanced narrative and entertaining heights that other Cirque shows have achieved before.

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GRAND OPENING

Cookies rule everything around downtown San Jose

By Melody Gonzales
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Bay Area residents crowded Post and First streets in downtown San Jose last Saturday as CREAM, short for Cookies Rule Everything Around Me, opened its doors for its grand opening.

"CREAM is very excited about being in San Jose," said Jimmy Shamieh, owner of CREAM. "We think it's a great community."

Free ice cream was given out to all who came between the hours of noon and 9 p.m.

From carnival cookies to a cup of joe-flavored ice cream, the grand opening of CREAM was a huge success.

The perfect combination of homemade ice cream smashed between two warm cookies brought council members Sam Liccardo, Ash Kalra and Johnny Khamis to join the celebration.

There's loud music and there's people behind the counter that are singing ... and enjoying themselves ...

Jimmy Shamieh
Owner of CREAM



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"This is exactly what we needed in downtown to help add all of this vibrancy to an area that's really been growing around us," Kalra said.

Complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony, the council members enjoyed a CREAM sandwich alongside San Jose residents.

A line of more than 300 ice cream lovers wrapped around the block as music from radio station WILD 94.9 echoed through the streets.

"This (is) a great celebration today and the people coming out in big numbers like this ... it's a great thing. Beautiful day you know," Shamieh said. "What else can you ask for? We're excited."

Shrey Valia, a sophomore computer engineering major, said that he waited in line for 40 to 50 minutes just to get a taste of CREAM.

"It was worth it," Valia said. "I would wait in line for another cookie."

Just recently opened in downtown San Jose, CREAM is an ice cream sandwich shop that lets customers choose what goes into their sandwich, from ice cream to the cookies.

Most customers said they waited in line to find out what made CREAM so different from other ice cream stores.

Alex Moyer, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, enjoyed his snickerdoodle cookies with mint chocolate chip ice cream.

Moyer said that CREAM is unlike any other ice cream.

"The cookies are fresh so it melts in your mouth right away," Moyer said. "It tastes like magic."

Catherine De Vera, a junior nutritional science major and team member at CREAM said she was excited to have a CREAM closer to campus.

"I see a lot of my San Jose State friends and I say 'Hey, what's up?'" De Vera said. "A lot of them come here."

Known for its atmosphere, CREAM is meant to provide a family-oriented environment for its customers.

On Saturday, workers at CREAM welcomed every customer with enthusiasm.

"When you walk through the doors it's not like any retail shop," Shamieh said. "There's loud music and there's people behind the counter that are singing and sometimes you find them dancing and enjoying themselves while they're working."

More familiar San Jose State student faces are

expected to be behind the counter at CREAM within the coming month after they complete their training.

CREAM expects to have students not only as team members, but also as a majority of its customers.

With CREAM being only two blocks away from San Jose State, it is a perfect dessert destination for any student dealing with finals or midterms, according to Shamieh.

"I'd like to say that CREAM gives you brain energy," Shamieh said. "So if you want A's on those test and you want to graduate with honors the secret to do it is CREAM."

Melody Gonzales is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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- 1 Small matter?
 - 5 Military trainee
 - 10 Reason for a parental reprimand, perhaps
 - 14 One-horse carriage
 - 15 PR firm's concern
 - 16 Part of the eye
 - 17 Place with many paintings
 - 20 It may be wrapped in seaweed
 - 21 Flavorful root bark
 - 22 HMO workers
 - 24 Important historical time
 - 25 Lady Remington, for one
 - 29 Given to eaves-dropping
 - 31 It runs slowly in the woods
 - 34 Kachina doll carver
 - 35 Sun-baked iridescent shell layer
 - 37 A trader's duties, say
 - 42 "Second" preceder
 - 43 "Meet Me ___ Louis"
 - 44 Petty quarrel
 - 45 Call at the poker table
 - 46 With competence
 - 48 Like Welsh rarebit
 - 50 "Carte" or "mode" preceder
 - 51 "Now I've got it!"
 - 52 Deficit
 - 57 "I'll be ready in a ___"
 - 62 Site of the National Aquarium
 - 64 Sad word for "poor Yorick"
 - 65 Flood blocker
 - 66 Lot measurement
 - 67 Depend (on)
 - 68 Spiral-horned African antelope
 - 69 High-school department
 - 70 "___?"
 - 71 Rowboat pair
 - 74 Imaginary tale
 - 75 Operative's employer
 - 76 Off-kilter
 - 77 Android on the Enterprise
 - 78 Breakfast foods
 - 79 Makes fun of
 - 80 Antibacterial drug, informally
 - 81 Assert positively
 - 82 Word sung twice after "Que"
 - 83 Simon ___
 - 84 Hoarfrost relative
 - 89 "Voice box"
 - 90 "Darn it!"
 - 91 Adjusts with a wedge
 - 92 Living on "In Living Color"
 - 93 Big-time tablet maker
 - 94 16th-century bowed stringed instrument
 - 95 Silly goose
 - 96 Track chances
 - 97 Aim improver
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TPP sells sovereignty for corporate profits, codifies bad copyright law

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a secretive trade deal currently in negotiations between the U.S. and eleven other countries, including Australia, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam.



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President Obama is pushing hard for the trade deal – and pushing even harder for Congress to grant him the authority to fast-track all trade agreements, meaning Congress couldn't make any alterations or filibuster the bill.

Recently, Wikileaks posted the entirety of the current version of the bill and, to put it mildly, the contents are troubling.

Perhaps the biggest red-flag

within the TPP is the proposed creation of an international dispute settlement court that would allow corporations to sue nations for lost profits – including profits they expected to make in the future.

Environmental regulations, minimum wage laws and copyright laws could all potentially be inhibited by the threat of suit, according to analysis by the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

Let's take a moment to consider this: under the TPP, member nations would be effectively forced to sacrifice sovereignty for beneficial trade arrangements. They would be held not just to the interests of their populace,

but to corporations.

The copyright clauses in the TPP would enhance the strictest interpretations of current U.S. law, as well as inhibit Congress' authority to make changes to current law.

Among other things, it would extend the duration of patents and copyrights, hold internet service providers more liable for the actions of their customers and restrict the ability of consumers to modify devices they own in ways that violate the terms and conditions of use (e.g., jailbreaking an iPhone).

On the surface, extending and enhancing copyright law might sound like a reasonable idea. People have a right to profit from the sweat of their labor, and if creators aren't able to profit from their work, many are probably going to be discouraged from investing as much time and effort.

On the other hand, future generations have a right to distribute, alter and have ready access to the entirety of their intellectual inheritance.

Copyright law is a balancing act between the rights and needs of the individual and society at large.

Our founding fathers understood the importance

of this balance, and included a relevant clause in the Constitution— Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8 which reads as follows— “To promote the Progress of Science and useful

Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.”

It's worth emphasizing that the purpose of intellectual property law in the Constitution is to promote the progress of art and science, not to promote corporate profits.

Still, the language is vague and leaves the question unanswered as to where exactly the copyright line should be drawn— the Copyright Act of 1790 gave creators 14 years automatic ownership of their work. In the past two centuries that line has crept further forward, culminating with the 1998 “Sonny Bono” Act that extended copyrights to the life of the author plus 70 years.

The current length of copyright law doesn't encourage advancement in the science and arts, rather it discourages advances.

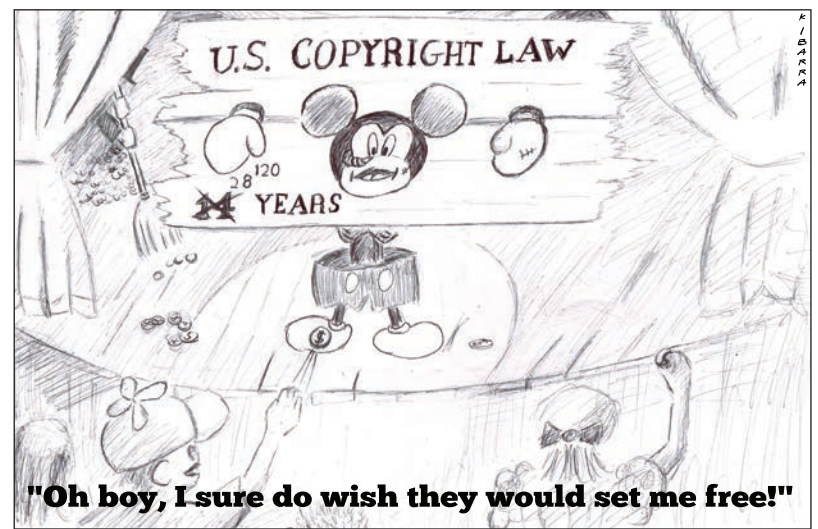
Wherever the aforementioned balance may be, we crossed that line in the 1970s and continue adding weight in the wrong direction.

Individuals and corporations only need to innovate a small amount then rest on their laurels for generations, restricting access and raking in profits.

The TPP is the most recent threat to the free distribution of information, but it won't be the last. The root of this problem is undue corporate influence in politics.

As long as the revolving door between congressmen and lobbyists remains open, as long as political campaigns continue to be predominantly funded by corporations and the ultra-wealthy, these problems will remain unsolved.

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California's drought is making winter feel like a terrifying Spring

I know there's nothing like a long shower after a tiring day.

However, no matter how good that shower feels, I feel bad that I am not fully committed to conserving water during this drought.

Then again, I'm not the only one.

The last time California was in a drought like this was before most of us were twinkles in our parents' eyes.

This lovely warm weather is nice and comforting, but the implications of the stereotypically pleasant California weather are terrible.

What are the terrible implications? Farmers are in the process of selling their livestock, food prices are rising and wells are drying up.



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Next thing we know, no one will ever see winter again. Your children and your children's children may not ever see snow, let alone rain.

Governor Jerry Brown announced the drought as an emergency. In doing so, he asked Californians to take action.

Some people take the suggested 15- minute shower, turn the water faucet off when water is not in use or sacrifice their lawn and gardens.

Kudos to those doing their part to help conserve water, but what about last year, or the year before that? Being “drought friendly” and conscious about climate change should not be a fad that you do just because your “cool” friend or Bono does it.

I'm not advocating for

people to stop filling their Brita filters, purchase re-purposed Capri-Sun juice pouch products or let pee mellow out in the toilet.

What I do recommend is a crash course in preserving all

Think again. Without enough water, milk, fruits, vegetables, meats, eggs and other foods could go up in price.

Don't stop being environmentally friendly, or “drought-friendly—” just don't forget about it when, or if, the drought is over. There may not be anyone left to tell you to do so.

Do it for the future you hope to see.

You might think you'll be dead in 70 years, so it wouldn't matter what you do now. Wrong!

Imagine your future loved ones rationing water to extreme measures.

How horrible would you

feel knowing that your actions today made another person's future unbearable?

Yeah, there are people that do not believe in climate change and think that doing a small part, like recycling, won't do a thing.

Good luck to all of us when we don't have a drop of water to drink, or when children have to look at animals in a book, not at a zoo.

If and when this drought is officially over, people can't go back to wastefully turning on sprinklers and letting water run while brushing their teeth.

The drought that has people asking “when is the rain coming?” should keep people saying “I need to do my part” for the rest of their lives.

If there is anything this drought taught us, it is that we all need to educate ourselves about water conservation and climate change.

It's not enough to just edu-

cate ourselves on the severity of preserving resources. Actions are what matter.

People don't realize the severity of wasteful actions. Your car being clean to impress people that don't actually like you isn't a good reason to throw perfectly good water down the drain.

Helping Earth may seem tedious, but it's a job for everyone to take on.

Recycling, trying public transportation and buying locally grown produce is a good way to start. If you want to go above and beyond, then drive a car that uses vegetable oil instead of gasoline, or live in a house constructed out of only recycled material.

Reducing the amount of water used daily is an important way to help.

Every action helps, whether it's big or small.

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We all need to educate ourselves about water conservation and climate change.

possible resources.

Some people may think this drought won't affect them in any way besides their lawns.

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Verdict: Report finds no admin accountability

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Hanson Bridgett, headed the investigation and authored the report.

At Monday's press conference President Mohammed Qayoumi said the report, "deserves careful and thoughtful review."

The next step, Qayoumi said, is the creation of a special task force on racial discrimination which will be led by Ladoris Cordell, a retired judge.

The task force will be comprised of 18 volunteer members, out of which five are students, including Gary Daniels, the chairman of the Black Unity Group.

"Our purpose is to look at lessons learned and what is the course ahead," Cordell said in a prepared remark.

Moye said that he was not able to speak to either the victim or the perpetrators during the course of his investigation.

"It was not ideal," Moye said, but he believes

that all important information was made available.

Moye said that now his role and the investigation itself are at an end – something that Cordell also emphasized.

"The task force is not doing any investigating," Cordell said. "The investigation has been done, and our job is to pull from this investigation this information and figure out what recommendations we can make so that this kind of a situation can never happen again."

Because the investigation is over, "it really does not impact us at this point that those involved may be unwilling to talk," Cordell said. "We have the facts here, and I believe we have plenty of information with which to go forward with this investigation."

Task force members were selected in an effort to create a balance between students, staff and community members, Qayoumi said, and individuals who felt they belonged on the task force

were able to nominate themselves or send recommendations to his office.

Qayoumi defended himself against accusations from students who complained that he didn't make himself available to meet with them to discuss similar complaints.

He said when he first came to SJSU he held 49 town hall meetings to which students were invited, and since then has made himself available "to the degree that it is humanly possible."

Diana Crumedy, a graduate student studying urban planning, asked Qayoumi what steps he would take to ensure the perpetrators were punished, and whether or not the task force would recommend punishments.

Qayoumi answered that the task force will be limited to policy recommendations, and won't make any punitive recommendations.

Punishments, he said, will come through two respective channels: administrative and criminal.

The administrative process has already started and the criminal process has been referred to the District Attorney, he said.

After the press conference, Crumedy said that she wasn't satisfied with the way Qayoumi deflected her question.

"He knows the ball stops with him, so he can't point fingers," Crumedy said.

She said he should be more accountable and more involved in punishing the responsible parties.

"Who else but him?" Crumedy said.

The first task force meeting will be this Thursday from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and will be open to members of the public as well as live-streamed online.

Cordell said that she expects to make final recommendations to Qayoumi by the end of April.

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Events: Campus community comes together in celebration of diversity

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to deserving community members," said Danielle Miller, a senior political science major and president of Black Student Union. "We also have some fun surprises planned, but I am not giving them away."

The hope is for it to be an enlightening evening as well as an entertaining social event.

"It's a fun event where we get to dress up and have a good time, but still honor the African-American community and really celebrate," Taylor said.

There are also events aimed specifically at uniting and connecting the campus, such as the African-American Community summit and Unity March scheduled to begin at noon on Thursday, Feb. 27.

The summit, taking place at 6 p.m. in Tower Hall on Feb. 12, will provide a chance for students to meet and discuss issues facing the African American community after four students were charged with battery and hate crimes against their African-American roommate in Oct. 2013.

"There has been a lot of talking, but students really have not had a chance to sit down together and say how we all, as students, were affected by this," Daniels said. "This will be a good place for everyone, not just African-Americans, to express their views and hear others' views as well."

The Unity March, scheduled for noon on Thursday, Feb. 27, will begin in Campus Village Quad and end at the Tommie Smith and John Carlos according to Alex Donald, a junior political science major and vice president of Black Student Union.

"I'm really excited for the march," Donald said. "I just want for people to know that this community is here to support students for anything, whether it be help with adding classes, getting books or supplies, anything really. The sad part is that students in the dorms may not have realized that there is support in the community, and I really want others to know that is not the case."

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Net: Outages frustrate SJSU

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hardware on campus, rumors recently started that a that a virus originated in the engineering building and spread throughout campus.

"Contributing to the increased load on campus were a small number of computers which had been infected by Malware," Vahey said. "The compromised machines were scattered all over campus, in several buildings and there is no evidence that this was a widespread infection."

In order to better protect their data and personal information, Vahey suggests that all students use "SJSU_Premier" whenever possible.

"SJSU_Premier" uses new technology, provides better technology with WPA2 protocol and has more reliability

than "SJSU_Campus," Vahey said.

Christopher Tran, a senior software engineering major and Associated Students Computer Services Center Senior Technician, felt both useless and annoyed while trying to access the wireless networks.

"For work, I need to download drivers in order to work on people's laptops," Tran said. "As a student, I needed to search for some more classes so I could go ahead and add them."

Other students like Benjamin Ngo, a junior computer science major, found the lack of internet last week to be a positive experience

"I tend to pay more attention in class rather than browse the web and play games," Ngo said. "Even if it

was down while I wasn't in class, I was either eating and talking with friends, so it was pointless to go on the internet."

Vahey said she is confident that the recent upgrades and improvements in the past week and during winter break will lead to a much better experience for all internet users on campus.

Students and staff are urged to call the ITSHelpDesk if they experience problems or have questions regarding the campus-wide Wi-Fi.

"IT Services sees evidence of improved network performance for the past several days," Vahey said. "Today's network is configured to provide the most reliable, fast and secure services available."

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Crime Log

Jan. 26

Officers responded to a fight in progress at 1:35 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. The individuals were contacted and a report was taken.

Jan. 26

A pedestrian stop occurred at 10:54 p.m. on South Sixth Street and East William. The stop was made due to non-SJSU affiliates being in the park after dark. One was arrested for possession of a replica firearm while on active county probation. He was then transported and booked at Santa Clara County Jail.

Jan. 27

Officers were dispatched to the A.S. House at midnight due to suspicious activity from five adult males. A juvenile suspect was transported and booked into Santa Clara County Jail for possession of alcohol and giving false information to a Peace Officer.

Jan. 28

Officers assisted SJPD in a robbery investigation off campus at 11:23 p.m. at South Second Street and Paseo De San Antonio. The suspect was arrested for robbery by SJPD.

Feb. 2

An arrest was made after an officer conducted a pedestrian stop at East San Fernando and South Fourth streets for a traffic violation at 1:42 a.m. The subject was intoxicated, resisted cooperation with the police and had an outstanding warrant and was transported and booked into county jail.

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